

GOVERNOR'S
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES
TASK FORCE

STATUTORY & REGULATORY INITIATIVES WORKGROUP

Minutes
Meeting of 6/8/04

Task Force Members Present:

Lee Cullen, Task Force Chair
Forrest Ceel, IBEW Local 2150
Brett Healy of Rep. Scott Jensen's office (by phone)
Keith Reopelle, State Environmental Leadership Program

Others Present:

Dave Anderson from Ruder Ware (by phone)
Catherine Boies, Customers First! Coalition
Linda Hajek, Cullen Weston Pines & Bach LLP
Dave Hansen, DATCP
Will Hughes, DATCP
Andy Olsen, Environmental Law & Policy Center
Sarah Justus, State Budget Office
John Marx, Dept. of Administration
Bill Walker, Dept. of Administration – State Budget Office

Due to the workgroup report deadline of July 9th, the meeting of July 13, 2004 is being rescheduled to the last week in June.

Discussion of Agenda Items:

1. Revisions to Proposal for State Use of Renewable Energy (SB 554) – workgroup reviewed a bill draft on the state purchase of renewable energy and revisions to that draft. Workgroup also discussed a fiscal analysis of the state's use of electricity distributed by DOA.

Action: recommend revisions go to the Task Force and then to the Legislative Reference Bureau for incorporation into the bill.

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2. Rural Economic Development Initiatives – workgroup reviewed DATCP Renewable Energy Policy Options document dated June 8, 2004 from Secretary of DATCP Rod Nilsestuen. Will Hughes and Dave Hansen discussed the options, which included: renewable fuels, anaerobic digesters, on-farm energy efficiency and the need for a State Bio-Energy Coordinator at DATCP, and they responded to questions from the workgroup.

Action: Brett Healy will check with Rep. Jensen regarding eliminating the discussion of ethanol to reduce the scope of this agenda item.

Action: Cathy Boies to summarize policy options for workgroup members for consideration at next workgroup meeting.

3. 2007 Congressional Farm Bill – Andy Olsen of the Environmental Law & Policy Center did a powerpoint presentation and provided handouts.

Action: Workgroup agreed to forward to the Task Force a letter to the Wisconsin congressional delegation requesting support for the immediate need to restore funding for the Farm Bill and supporting reauthorization in 2007.

The workgroup also agreed to include in its final report its recommendation regarding Sales Tax and Use Tax Exemption for Renewable Systems (AB 762).